

**WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES
M. V. RHODODENDRON DOCKSIDE
CONTRACT NO. 00-7184**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Washington State Ferries, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation (hereinafter called "WSF"), issues this notice of Invitation For Bids (IFB) for the following described project:

The Contract Work consists of the following repairs to the ferry M.V. Rhododendron: vehicle deck steel renewal; deck house extension; security system installation; local area network installation; topside painting; testing of all new systems as specified in the IFB Technical Specifications. The vessel is 227'6" x 62'0" and carries 65 vehicles and 546 passengers. All of the work must be performed within Puget Sound, Washington during the period of October 9 – December 1, 2006.

Bidders must be prequalified by WSF in Class 85 work, "Vessel Miscellaneous Repairs", prior to the bid due date. **The bid due date / time is 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006.**

This Contract will be partially funded by the Federal Transit Administration and the Transportation Security Administration. Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to participate in the IFB process.

Interested parties may obtain an IFB package from the following WSF office for a **non-refundable** fee of \$100.00. The IFB will also be posted on the following WSF web site on or after July 5th: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/contracts. Informational copies of the IFB package will be on file at various plan centers and at WSF.

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WSF assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by a respondent to this Notice or the IFB package.